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SUBJ: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY ON GOVERNMENT

PROCUREMENT:

MEETING OF " ADVISORY GROUP" MAY 2-5

1. SUMMARY. INFORMAL DRAFTING SESSION BETWEEN MAJOR DELS AND SECRETARIAT WAS GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL IN PINPOINTING AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT AND PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE TEXTS FOR CONSIDERATION AT JUNE MEETING OF WORKING PARTY. FRENCH POSITION ON DEROGATIONS WAS CLARIFIED. END SUMMARY.

2. " ADVISORY GROUP" OF MAJOR DELS TO AID SECRETARIAT IN DRAFTING TEXT OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT CODE HELD USEFUL SERIES OF MEETINGS MAY 2-5. MEETINGS WERE GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL IN PINPOINTING AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT AND PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE TEXTS FOR CONSIDERATION AT WORKING PARTY MEETING (CONFIRMED FOR JUNE 24-29). U. S., FRANCE, EC, SWISS, CANADIANS AND JAPANESE WERE PRESENT. FRENCH DELEGATE (COUDRY) ANNOUNCED AT OUTSET GOF POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED ON ANY POINTS. EC REP HAD NOTING TO REPORT ON PROGRESS OF DRAFT EC PROCUREMENT DIRECTIVE.

3. U. S. PUT FORWARD ALL TEXTUAL CHANGES AGREED TO DURING THE INTERAGENCY DISCUSSION EARLIER IN WASHINGTON. CANADIANS ONLY OTHER DEL PUTTING FORWARD SUCH CHANGES. FRENCH DEL CONSIDERED SUCH APPROACH TO BE INAPPROPRIATE TO INFORMAL GROUP. CONSEQUENTLY HE WAS GENERALLY UNWILLING TO CONSIDER SOME CHANGES WHICH WOULD SIMPLIFY TEXT WITHOUT CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE. RESULT WAS THAT U. S., CANADIAN AND SECRETARIAT TEXTS WERE FREQUENTLY BRACKETED EVEN IN CASES WHERE UNIFIED TEXT WAS ACHIEVABLE.

4. INTERVENTIONS OF FRENCH DEL MADE CLEAR THAT GOF WILLINGNESS TO HAVE CODE WITH NO PROVISIONS FOR DEROGATIONS (REPORTED REFTEL) CONDITIONAL ON HAVING THE ABILITY TO USE SINGLE TENDERING IN SITUATIONS WHEN ACTION BASED SOLELY ON DESIRE TO DEVELOP PARTICULAR INDUSTRY. INDIVATIONS ARE, HOWEVER, THAT FRENCH WOULD SEEK NO OTHER DEROGATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY.

5. SECRETARIAT SURFACED DOCUMENT ON DEROGATIONS (COPIES BEING HAND CARRIED BY DEL). IN BRIEF DISCUSSION THEREON INFORMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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